

What's New in the MPDC

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POLICING FOR PREVENTION INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE

Policing for Prevention is the Metropolitan Police Department's strategy to make the District of Columbia the safest major city in America. But to reach this height, every one of us plays a role. From the residents who live, work, and raise their families here to the business owners who provide services for the city's residents and visitors and the professionals who build their careers in the Nation's Capital to faith and community group leaders and the youth of this city, each of us fits into one or more of these categories.

Information about the Policing for Prevention strategy is now available on-line. Through this new section of the MPDC's web site, you can, among other things, learn about the three approaches to crime and disorder, read the latest success stories, and find out what you can do to get involved. Visit this new section of the site at:

www.mpdc.org (Click on Policing for Prevention)

TWENTY-SEVEN NEW OFFICERS HIT DC'S STREETS

Twenty-seven new Metropolitan Police officers hit the street this weekend, following recruit graduation ceremonies Friday at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Southwest DC. The officers recently completed their 24-week training program, which included expanded training on crime victim services. All of the new officers have been assigned to uniformed patrol duties in the city's PSAs (Police Service Areas). In his remarks to the new officers, Chief Ramsey stressed the importance of serving everyone in need without hesitation, prejudice or malice, being totally fair and free of bias. You can read the Chief's complete message to the new officers at:

Weekly walk-in testing is now available to anyone interested in becoming a police officer with the MPDC. Applicants can now take the exam every Thursday at the Recruiting Office. For more information about the recruiting process, go to:

**www.mpdc.org
(Click on Career Opportunities)**

www.mpdc.org (Click on News)

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL: 3-1-1 FOR POLICE NON-EMERGENCIES

Learn more about the MPDC's toll-free telephone number for reporting police non-emergencies at:

www.mpdc.org (Click on Telephone Directory)

You or your group can get 3-1-1 materials — brochures, flyers, refrigerator magnets and stickers — by calling 202-727-9346 or e-mailing: kmorison_mpdc@excite.com.

PROBLEM-SOLVING SUCCESS: A NEW DIRECTION IN PSA 506

In PSA 506, a busy thoroughfare that once left travelers confused, and pedestrians afraid to cross the street now has rush hour commuters and area residents breathing a sigh of relief. Traffic signs and directions have been repaired, and, according to area resident Charles Randolph, "It's made a difference. We don't see the same morning congestion, drivers turning incorrectly or running lights."

Concerned individuals held meetings at the 5th District to work through the Partnerships for Problem Solving process. An analysis of the problem at South Dakota Ave. and Bladensburg Road left unanswered questions: Was the red light camera working properly? Did it work during rush hours? What traffic signs were missing or incorrect? How many accidents occurred in the area? The group agreed that their first step would be additional research that included a traffic assessment. After the assessment, concerned individuals met with Department of Public Works. Subsequently, numerous problem signs were corrected and replaced. During that same time, traffic enforcement was increased, with hundreds of traffic violations written during the month of February.

Thanks to the Partnerships for Problem Solving process, traveling through this area is now safer for residents and visitors. Read more about this and other problem-solving successes, go to:

www.mpdc.org (Click on Policing for Prevention)

In the past year, a red-light camera at this problem intersection revealed 1,700 red-light violations. For more information on red-light cameras, or to suggest a new red-light camera location, go to:

www.mpdc.org
(Click on Services & Programs)

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS WEEK: APRIL 22-28

The National Organization for Victim Assistance has more information about National Victim's Rights Week. Visit their site at:

www.try-nova.org

You can also visit the National Center for Victims of Crime for information about victim services, public policy and civil litigation. Find out more at:

www.ncvc.org

April 22 kicks off National Crime Victim's Rights Week. This year's theme is *Victim's Rights: Reach for the Stars* and it celebrates the idealism that launched the victims' rights movement - the determination to keep reaching for an even better world for victims of crime and crisis. In the District of Columbia, the Crime Victims Compensation Program assists victims and their families with the financial burden of a violent crime. For more information about this program, as well as a Crime Victim's Bill of Rights and an application form for assistance, go to:

www.mpdc.org (Click on Services & Programs)

Information, ideas or comments about this service?

E-mail Kevin Morison, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at kmorison_mpdc@excite.com.

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